

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN SHIELL ANDERSON**, on January 8, 1999  
at 3:05 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Shiell Anderson, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gary Beck, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Rick Jore, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)  
Rep. Paul Clark (D)  
Rep. Robert C Clark (R)  
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)  
Rep. George Golie (D)  
Rep. Marian Hanson (R)  
Rep. Donald L Hedges (R)  
Rep. Carol C Juneau (D)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Roger Somerville (R)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Mary Lou Schmitz, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 22, HB 187, HB 189,  
POSTED 1-6-99

Executive Action: None

Chairman Anderson arranged a tour through the Department of Transportation facility with John Blacker, Maintenance Administrator, on Friday, 1-15-99.

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#### HEARING ON HB 187

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. JOE TROPILA, HD 47, said this Bill would require the Department of Transportation, a local authority, a utility company, or a private contractor to post work zone and construction zone speed limit signs if those entities determine that special speed limits are warranted.

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Proponents: John Blacker, Maintenance Administrator, Department of Transportation.

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Proponents: Mike Foster, Executive Director, Montana Contractors' Association.

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Proponents: Col. Craig Reap, Chief of Montana Highway Patrol

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Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Brainard to Sponsor, Rep. Tropila.

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Rep. Paul Clark to John Blacker.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.2 - 12.3}*

Closing by Sponsor: Rep. Tropila closed.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.3 - 12.5}*

#### HEARING ON HB 189

Sponsor: Rep. Joe Barnett, HD 32, said this Bill would amend a law related to state-owned or leased motor vehicles.

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 12.5 - 14.4}*

Proponents: John Blacker, Maintenance Administrator, Department of Transportation.

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**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** Rep. Bob Clark  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15.6 - 16.6}

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Barnett Closed.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 17}

**HEARING ON HB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Sam Kitzenberg, HD 96, said he would like a realistic speed limit of 75 MPH across the board in Montana on primary and secondary roads and require drivers of vehicles to drive with lighted headlights at all times.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 32.0}

**Proponent:** Charlene Luckman, Cascade  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - 34.8}

**Proponent:** Brian Cavey, Montana Motor Carriers' Association,  
**EXHIBIT**(trh05a01)  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 34.8 - 40.5}

**Proponent:** Tom Daubert, Montana Traffic Safety Association.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 40.5 - 41.5}

**Proponent:** Ron Ashabraner, State Farm Insurance.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 41.5 - 42.7}

**Proponent:** Ray Kuntz, Chairman and CEO, Watkins-Shepard Trucking  
**EXHIBIT**(trh05a02) and **EXHIBIT**(trh05a03).  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 42.7 - 47.9}

**Proponent:** Verner Bertelson, Montana Senior Citizens' Association.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 47.9 - 49.7}

**Proponent:** Col. Craig Reap, Chief of Montana Highway Patrol.  
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 49.7 - 52}

**Proponent:** Jon Metropoulos, Attorney, Helena  
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**Opponent:** A concerned citizen, Helena  
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.1 - 6.3}

**Opponent:** Rep. Marian Hanson, HD 1

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.3 - 9.2}***

**Informational Witness:** Tim Reardon, Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 9.2 - 13.9}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Steven Gallus to Col. Craig Reap.

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Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke to Sponsor, Rep. Sam Kitzenberg

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.3 - 17.6}***

Rep. Matt Brainard to Col. Craig Reap.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.6 - 18.6}***

Rep. Bob Clark to Ray Kuntz

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6 - 23.1}***

Rep. Cliff Trexler to Col. Craig Reap.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.1 - 25.1}***

Rep. Shiell Anderson to Col. Craig Reap

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.1 - 26.3}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Kitzenberg closed the Hearing on HB 22.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 29.1}***

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Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

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REP. SHIELL ANDERSON, Chairman

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MARY LOU SCHMITZ, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (trh05aad)